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Over Snow

Motor Vehicle

Use Map

Lolo

National Forest

Ninemile & Missoula

Ranger Districts

**PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP**

This map shows the prohibitions and open areas for use of over-snow vehicles (snowmobiles only) on the Lolo National Forest. A snowmobile is defined as a motorized vehicle capable of use over snow or ice, which is driven by a combination of cleats, belts, tracks, and skis. The map also provides information relative to snowmobile trail locations and articulates certain prohibited activities on those routes. For detailed information about summer motorized routes see the Motor Vehicle Use Map.

The display of winter trail information on this map, or areas where snowmobiles are not restricted should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use, or to imply that the area, trail or route is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render some routes impassable for extended periods. Areas that do not prohibit cross country snowmobile travel may contain dangerous or impassible terrain. Dangerous winter driving conditions will prevail on all routes and these routes may be impassable. Snowmobile trails that are designated as "marked or groomed" also have many inherent dangers, and won't always be passable or discernable.

This over-snow vehicle use and winter trail map identifies those roads and trails managed and allowed for winter recreation under the Lolo Travel Plan decision for the purpose of enforcing the prohibitions at 36 CFR 261.14. This is a limited purpose. The public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only.

**These designations and restrictions apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System Trails, and areas on National Forest Lands.**

Legend

Cities

Winter Parking Areas

Ranger Station

Interstate

State Highway

US Highway

Public Road

200' Contour Interval

Snowmobile Trail (Allowed 12/1 to 4/15)

Snowmobile Allowed Route in Closure Area

Snowmobile Prohibited Route in Open Area

Other Route (Snowmobile Use Allowed 12/1 to 3/15)

Other Route (Snowmobile Use Allowed 12/1 to 4/1)

Ranger District Boundary

Township Range

Sections

Wilderness - All Over-Snow Vehicle Use Prohibited Yearlong

Closure Area - All Over-Snow Vehicle Use Prohibited Yearlong

Closure Area- All Over-Snow Vehicle Use Prohibited Oct. 15 - Dec. 1

Non-NFS

National Forest System Lands Open to Snowmobiles

water

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Miles

VICINITY MAP

INFORMATION SOURCES

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20325 Remount Rd.  
Missoula, MT 59804  
(406) 329-3814

Ninemile Ranger District  
20325 Remount Rd.  
Huson, MT 59846  
(406) 626-5201

Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District  
P.O. Box 429  
Plains, MT 59859  
(406) 826-3821

Seeley Lake Ranger District  
3583 Highway 83  
Seeley Lake, MT 59868  
(406) 677-2233

Superior Ranger District  
209 W. Riverside  
Superior, MT 59872  
(406) 822-4233

**PROHIBITIONS**

**It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Ninemile and Missoula Ranger Districts other than in accordance with these designations (36 CFR 261.13).**

Violations of 36 CFR 261.14 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to 6 months or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

Roads, trails, and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures, and visitors must comply with signs notifying them of such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail, or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b)), 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

**OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Operating a motor vehicle or snowmobile on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, or in open areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must the motor vehicle operators know and follow all applicable traffic laws, but they need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. Operators of motor vehicles are subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially snowmobile use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Riders should drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote riding/driving conditions. Participants voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Motor vehicle and snowmobile operators should take care at all times to protect themselves and those under their responsibility.

Much of the NINEMILE and MISSOULA RANGER DISTRICTS are remote, and medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the LOLO NATIONAL FOREST. Recreationists should take adequate food, water, first aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN NON-RESTRICTED AREAS FOR SNOWMOBILE TRAVEL.**

**EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS**

**Snowmobile Trail:**

Routes managed for snowmobiles, with occasional grooming. These routes are managed for snowmobiling from 12/1 thru 4/15. These trails are marked with orange diamonds.

**Snowmobile Allowed Route in Closure Areas:**

These routes are managed neither as ski nor snowmobile trails, but are open to snowmobiles (unless otherwise noted), through otherwise closed areas. Motorized vehicles must stay on the designated route.

**Snowmobile Prohibited Route in Open Areas:**

These routes are prohibited to snowmobile use in otherwise open areas.

**Other Route (Snowmobile Use Allowed 12/1 to 3/15)**

These routes are managed neither as ski nor snowmobile trails, but are open to snowmobiles (unless otherwise noted), from 12/1 to 3/15. Motorized vehicles must stay on the designated route.

**Other Route (Snowmobile Use Allowed 12/1 to 4/1)**

These routes are managed neither as ski nor snowmobile trails, but are open to snowmobiles (unless otherwise noted), from 12/1 to 4/1. Motorized vehicles must stay on the designated route.

**National Forest lands open to over-snow vehicles (snowmobiles only):**

Areas open to over-snow vehicles within the Lolo National Forest are limited to snowmobiles only. A snowmobile is defined as a motorized vehicle capable of use over snow or ice, which is driven by a combination of cleats, belts, tracks, and skis.

National Forest lands where over-snow vehicles are prohibited year long:

Areas prohibited year long to over-snow vehicles within the Lolo National Forest.

National Forest lands where over-snow vehicles are restricted seasonally:

These areas are where snowmobiles are prohibited seasonally between October 15 and December 1 on the Lolo National Forest. A snowmobile is defined as a motorized vehicle capable of use over snow or ice, which is driven by a combination of cleats, belts, tracks, and skis.

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Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions please contact the NINEMILE OR MISSOULA RANGER DISTRICTS for clarification.

Road, trail, and area users must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is the responsibility of the user.

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